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To Members of the Connecticut Labor Committee:

I am writing to urge you to **reject HB-5460**, a proposal to limit the communication between employer and employees in the State of Connecticut.

For over 20 years, Acme Wire Products has been holding monthly company wide meetings where management and employees meet to review business issues, company schedules, sales issues and projections, company policies, safety and business regulations as well as numerous other information. The forum allows all employees to come together in one room to have open communication and review important information. **HB-5460** would significantly limit the ability of employers to communicate openly with their employees and we feel it would be counter-productive to providing an open atmosphere of communication in our workplace.

As a small company, we pride ourselves in having good communication across all levels of our manufacturing organization. **HB-5460** is unnecessary and we don't see where it would offer a benefit to anyone! Employees relish the ability to get honest feedback and information from their employer. This bill would be driving a wedge into the creative spirit within state organizations.

Acme Wire Products is celebrating its 41<sup>st</sup> year in business in the state of Connecticut in 2011. We have weathered changes in markets, increased mandates and costs from state and federal governments and high costs of doing business in the state. Despite changes in the economy and in the markets we serve, Acme Wire Products has managed to provide a clean, safe working environment for our employees, provide a steady tax base for the Town of Stonington and contribute significantly to the local economy through donations to our local service agencies.

Why is the state proposing something so counterproductive and restrictive? Is Connecticut trying to further drive employers from doing business here?

Very truly yours,

Mary P. Fitzgerald  
President